Outstanding dues of Post Matric Scholarship Scheme

564. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge accumulation of dues, under 100% Centrally sponsored Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for Other Backward Classes is outstanding to be paid to the Government of Maharashtra and other States;

(b) if so, the amount so due to each of the States as on the 31st March, 2002,2003,2004 and 2005; and

(c) the reasons for growing accumulations and the steps taken, for regular clearance of such dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Inclusion of "Dhangar" community as ST in Goa

565. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Goa has recommended inclusion of "Dhangar community in Goa as Scheduled Tribe;

(b) whether the inclusion of the community was also under Government's consideration when three communities of Goa, namely, "Gawdas" "Kunbis" and "Velips" were notified as Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) if so, details for not notifying the "Dhangar" community at that stage?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R.KYNDIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the approved modalities, the proposals for inclusion of "Dhangar" community along with the proposals for inclusion of